

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2775, Continuing Appropriations Act, as amended.

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 25, Budget Resolution, as amended.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 24, Adjournment Resolution.

The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 24, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7503–S7561

Measures Introduced: Three bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1573–1575, S. Res. 269–274, and S. Con. Res. 24. **Page S7536**

Measures Passed:

Continuing Appropriations Act: By 81 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 219), Senate passed H.R. 2775, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30 2014, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Reid/Mikulski Amendment No. 2004, to provide continuing appropriations. **Page S7531**

Reid Amendment No. 2005, to amend the title. **Page S7532**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 83 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 218), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S7531–32**

Budget Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 25, establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7532**

Adopted:

Murray Amendment No. 2006, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7532**

Senate insisted on its amendment, and requested a conference with the House thereon. **Page S7532**

Budget Resolution: Senate disagreed to the House Amendment to S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023, agreed to conference with the House thereon, the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Murray, Wyden, Nelson, Stabenow, Sanders, Whitehouse, Warner, Merkley, Coons, Baldwin, Kaine, King, Sessions, Grassley, Enzi, Crapo, Graham, Portman, Toomey, Johnson (WI), Ayotte, and Wicker, and the conferees were instructed to report back a conference report by December 13, 2013. **Page S7560**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it not be in order for the Senate to consider a conference report with respect to H. Con. Res. 25, or S. Con. Res. 8, if it includes reconciliation instructions to raise the debt limit; that all of the above occur with no intervening action or debate; and that H. Con. Res. 25, as amended, and agreed to, be held at the desk until a message is received from the House relative to H.R. 2775, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30 2014, and if the House fails to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2775, this agreement be vitiated. **Page S7531**

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 272, designating the week beginning October 20, 2013, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Page S7559**

Day of the Deployed: Senate agreed to S. Res. 273, designating October 26, 2013, as “Day of the Deployed”. **Page S7559**

Lights On Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Res. 274, supporting Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 17, 2013. **Page S7559**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 24, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S7559**

Measures Considered:

Default Prevention Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1569, to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until December 31, 2014. **Pages S7503–31**

Appointments:

Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 1151, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: Senator Heinrich of New Mexico vice Senator Levin of Michigan. **Page S7560**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Wednesday, October 16, 2013, through Monday, October 28, 2013, the Majority Leader and Senators Kaine and Rockefeller be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S7560**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S7560**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, Senator Begich be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S7560**

Pro Formas—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate completes its business, it adjourn and convene for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 12:15 p.m.; Monday, October 21, 2013 at 1:30

p.m., and Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 12:00 noon; and that the Senate adjourn on Thursday, October 24, 2013, until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2013, unless the Senate receives a message from the House that it has adopted S. Con. Res. 24, the adjournment resolution. **Page S7560**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–22) **Page S7535**

Griffin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S7532**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, October 16, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur at approximately 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 28, 2013. **Page S7532**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, October 28, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, with up to one hour of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S7560**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2014.

Michael Wayne Hail, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2017. **Page S7959**

Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 29, 2017.

Olga Viso, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

Ranee Ramaswamy, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

Rick Lowe, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

Andrea Levere, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

Roberto R. Herencia, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2015.

Zachary Thomas Fardon, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Stephen Woolman Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

Gregory Dainard Winfree, of New York, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

Nisha Desai Biswal, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

Scott S. Dahl, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Labor.

Julia Frifield, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

Caroline Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to Japan.

Sylvia I. Garcia, of Michigan, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation.

Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2017.

Deborah A. P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

Deborah A. P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

Stevan Eaton Bunnell, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2015.

Bradley Crowell, of Nevada, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Beth F. Cobert, of California, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Michael P. O'Rielly, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2014, which was sent to the Senate on August 1, 2013, from the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—219)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 11:36 p.m., until 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7560.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.